

Islip, NY – In light of many tragic news stories about child drownings, Islip Town Supervisor Phil Nolan is proud to announce a recent partnership with the Great South Bay YMCA to offer free water safety instruction to young people. The “Learn to Swim” program will begin this summer and will be geared toward children and their families, with instruction in swimming as well as the necessary skills to be safe in and around the water.

Both the YMCA and the Town of Islip have lessons scheduled. The offerings for this summer are as follows:

YMCA —To help families in need, the YMCA will offer a limited number of swim vouchers for children to take free lessons at their facilities in Bay Shore. Swim vouchers will be available at the Town starting July 24. Those with a voucher can register at the YMCA. The lesson schedule can be viewed online at www.ymcali.org.

Town of Islip —All water safety lessons offered by the Town of Islip will be free of charge. Families can register at Timberline Pool in Brentwood on Saturday, July 24, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The children will be assigned to one of three age-appropriate groups. Beginning July 26, lessons will be held from 6-8 p.m. at Timberline Pool and will run in two-week sessions through August 20. A more comprehensive schedule of classes can be picked up at the Town of Islip Recreation Office, located at Brookwood Hall, 50 Irish Lane, East Islip.

The “Learn to Swim” initiative began when concerned resident Jerry Curtin heard about the recent drowning of a child in Bay Shore and wanted to ensure the safety of other kids in the area. The Town of Islip and the YMCA were able to organize this program with the help of a generous donation from The Curtin Foundation.

“It is always comforting to see concerned citizens take action to prevent tragedy,” said Supervisor Nolan. “Public safety should always be a primary concern for local governments, so I am proud that the Town of Islip could have a part in these efforts.”

For more information, please call the Town of Islip Recreation Department at 631-224-5403. If you would like to make a donation to fund this valuable service to our community, please

contact Bob Petterson, YMCA Executive Director, at 631-665-4255 (ext. 117).

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